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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - BORDER ATTACK ON
ZAIRE - APRIL 5

1. PARAS 2 - 5 CONTAIN PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR APRIL
5, BRIEFING FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED.
2. Q: PRESIDENT CARTER SPOKE OUT ON BEHALF OF DISSIDENTS
IN THE USSR, BUT WHEN POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION
ARE JAILED IN ZAIRE, THE ADMINISTRATION SENDS MILITARY AID
TO THE MOBUTU REGIME. WHY?

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A. ZAIRE DOUBTLESS HAS FAULTS IN THE AREAS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS LIKE MANY COUNTRIES BUT WE FEEL THERE IS NOT A
PERVASIVE DISREGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ZAIRE. IN OUR
CONTINUING MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH ZAIRE WE
HAVE ALSO CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE
IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN OUR ACTIONS IN SENDING THIS COM-
MUNICATION TRANSPORT AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT AND OUR CONCERN

FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. Q: ARE THE ZAIRIANS STILL CENSORING THE FOREIGN PRESS?

A. THE GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CENSORSHIP INITIATED IN ZAIRE

ON MARCH 31 TERMINATED ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 1.

4. Q: HAVE WE ACTED ON FURTHER AID REQUESTS FROM THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT?

A. ZAIRIAN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. -

5. IF ASKED ONLY:

Q: DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON A MILITARY AIR COMMAND FLIGHT WHICH IS REPORTEDLY TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT TO ZAIRE?

A: I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THAT QUESTION.
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